

## NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE

### TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

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Town of Erie  
Boulder and Weld Counties, Colorado

Election Date: Tuesday April 3, 2012  
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:**

Town Clerk  
Town of Erie  
645 Holbrook Street  
Erie, Colorado 80516  
Telephone: 303-926-2731

**Ballot Title and Text:**

**BALLOT ISSUE 2A**

**BALLOT TITLE:**

TRAILS, NATURAL AREAS, AND COMMUNITY CHARACTER MEASURE EXTENSION  
WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES, SHALL THE EXISTING FOUR MILL PROPERTY TAX  
LEVY BE EXTENDED UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2024, WITH ALL OF THE PROCEEDS  
BEING USED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES SOLELY TO:

- PROTECT NATURAL AREAS ALONG COAL CREEK AND BOULDER CREEK;
- CONSERVE SCENIC LANDSCAPES AND VIEWS;
- CREATE AND ENHANCE HIKING, BIKING, AND WALKING TRAILS  
THROUGHOUT  
TOWN TO CONNECT NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE REGIONAL TRAIL  
NETWORK;
- PROTECT WILDLIFE HABITAT; AND
- ACQUIRE NATURAL AREAS TO SEPARATE ERIE FROM OTHER  
COMMUNITIES;

WITH ALL EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF A CITIZENS'  
ADVISORY BOARD AND ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT, THE ABOVE CONSTITUTING  
NO CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM EXCEPT FOR ALLOWING SOME FUNDS FOR  
IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE AND ALLOWING  
NO MORE THAN FOUR PERCENT TO BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATION

AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS  
THEREON BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT AS A VOTER-APPROVED  
REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO  
CONSTITUTION AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE LIMITS OF  
SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S. OR OTHER LAWS OF THE STATE?

**Summary of Written Comment FOR Ballot Issue 2A:**

We can continue to protect our natural areas, create our network of trails, and help maintain our home values and quality of life without paying more. The extension of this existing program does not increase taxes.

Continued development threatens our community's open space, water quality, and wildlife areas. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Erie's population is expected to increase to 35,000 people in the next 10 years. We need to act now to plan for growth and protect our natural areas and quality of life that make Erie a great place to live and raise our families. This measure will also allow us to keep up our property values, and provide affordable outdoor recreation opportunities for our residents.

Voting YES on Town Measure 2A - Trails, Natural Areas and Community Character - extends our program with a proven track record that will:

- Protect natural areas along Coal Creek and Boulder Creek;
- Conserve scenic landscapes and views;
- Create and enhance hiking, biking and walking trails throughout town to connect neighborhoods and the regional trail network;
- Protect wildlife habitat;
- Acquire natural areas to separate Erie from other communities; and
- Generate revenue to obtain matching grant funds from organizations such as Great Outdoors Colorado.

Erie's Trails and Natural Areas Program was approved by voters in 2004. Revenue generated for the program has been and will continue to be spent wisely and solely for the purposes stated above without increasing taxes, and with solid accountability measures, including:

- An independent citizens advisory committee charged with making recommendations to Town staff and council;
- Revenues and expenditures will be subject to an annual, independent audit available for public review;
- No more than 4 percent of the funds can be used for administration of the program;
- Funds will be used solely for open space, trails, and outdoor recreation facilities, and cannot be used for any other purpose;
- Some of the funds may be used to maintain and improve the Town's trails and open space; and
- The temporary extension will expire in ten years.

By voting YES on 2A, you can support a fiscally responsible program with a proven track record that allows the Town of Erie to access state funds and Lottery money for trails and open space by providing matching funds to leverage our dollars for additional resources for Erie citizens. This measure does NOT increase taxes. We can make this investment in continuing to provide and maintain our natural areas, trails, and our quality of life without paying more.

Measure 2A offers us the opportunity to maintain our quality of life, now and in the future. Vote YES on 2A to continue maintaining, protecting and improving trails, natural areas and quality of life.

### **Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2A:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Please visit the Town's [Election & Voter Information](#) webpage for more information.

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